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In re Application of: GERMAIN, Nicolas :  
U.S. Application No.: 10/524,624 :  
PCT No.: PCT/CH03/00490 :  
International Filing Date: 18 July 2003 :  
Priority Date: 19 July 2002 :  
Attorney's Docket No.: 16949-2 :  
For: SYSTEM FOR EXTRACTING :  
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NATURAL LANGUAGE TEXT :

DECISION ON SECOND  
RENEWED PETITION UNDER  
37 CFR 1.47(b)

This decision is issued in response to the "Second Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" filed 22 October 2008. No additional petition fee is required.

**BACKGROUND**

The procedural background for the present application was set forth in previous decisions mailed herein on 08 May 2006, 20 June 2008, and 07 October 2008. These previous decisions dismissed without prejudice applicant's original and first renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) for failure to satisfy all the requirements of a grantable petition. Specifically, the previous decisions indicated that applicant had not provided an acceptable showing that the non-signing sole inventor has refused to execute the application.

On 22 October 2008, applicants filed the "Second Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)" considered herein, with required two-month extension fee.

**DISCUSSION**

The present submission includes supplemental evidence demonstrating that the inventor was presented with a French/English declaration for signature, and that the inventor refused to sign such declaration. These materials, in combination with those previously submitted, provide an acceptable showing that the non-signing sole inventor has refused to execute the application. Petitioner has therefore now satisfied the final outstanding element of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

**CONCLUSION**

The second renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is **GRANTED**. The application is accepted under 37 CFR 1.47(b) without the signature of sole inventor inventor Nicolas GERMAIN.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(b), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventor at the last known address set forth in the petition, and notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing in accord with this decision. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 26 January 2006.



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Dear Mr. GERMAIN:

You are identified as the sole inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(b) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As the named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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